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### GETS 2-YEAR JAIL SENTENCE FOR ATTACK ON GAME AGENTS

E. A. Wright, 48-year-old hunter from Midway, Tenn., was sentenced to 2 years in the Missouri State penitentiary by Judge Louis H. Schult, of Caruthersville, Mo., where Wright was tried for shooting at game-law officers and violating migratory waterfowl hunting regulations, according to a recent Fish and Wildlife Service report to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.

With Wright was his 16-year-old son, who was released.

Service officials said this was the first time in recent years that a game-law violator has shot at officers trying to make an arrest. According to the testimony of the arresting officers, Wright was observed hunting on a sand bar on the Missouri side of the Mississippi River.

The officers approached from two sides to check the hunter, who was suspected of violating migratory waterfowl hunting regulations. When Wright saw Stanley Harris, a Missouri conservation agent and United States deputy game agent, the hunter opened fire, shooting twice before fleeing. U. S. Game Management Agent Curtis S. Allin also was fired upon when he joined Harris in the pursuit.

Two other State game agents aided in the search for the violator. He was arrested late that evening and held in the County Jail after failing to meet a \$2,500 bond placed against him.

State Prosecuting Attorney Robert W. Hawkins also charged Wright with using a rifle to take migratory waterfowl and with using live decoys.

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